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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 2, 2005, Applicants submit the following remarks.

**REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully traverse and request reconsideration.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the notice that claims 4-6 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Takahashi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,868,158). Takahashi is directed to an echo processing apparatus that employs, among other things, a binary judgment signal generated by a double talk detector. For example, as described in columns 9 and 10, it appears that the judgment signal indicates merely